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FIVE CENTS

LOCAL MAN GETS SUSPENDED TERM FOR WILD SHOT

Bullet from Pistol in Hands of Shelly Bowers Narrowly Misses Mrs. Thrower

OFFENDER ON PROBATION

Shelly Bowers of Southern Pines was given a two-year suspended sentence and put on strict probation for the next five years in Recorder's Court Monday as punishment for a wild pistol shot which nearly hit Mrs. H. E. Thrower as she stepped off the porch of her home on Bennett Street and Indiana avenue, across the street from Bowers.

Bowers claimed he was cleaning a Smith and Wesson .38 calibre pistol, which his brother had left with him, when it accidentally fired. The shot, according to Police Chief Ed Newton, went over Mrs. Thrower's head missing by about four feet, and smashed into a porcelain light socket on the Thrower porch. Chief Newton said when he went to arrest Bowers he was "very drunk" and Bowers was kept in Carthage jail for trial.

In the court judgment, the pistol was to be held by the sheriff for the owner and Bowers was put on probation for five years upon payment of costs and condition that he not possess firearms or drink any intoxicating liquor, including beer, for a period of five years.

Testimony in the case brought out that Mrs. Thrower had testified against Bowers in a previous appearance of his in Recorder's court, when he was given a six-month sentence.

Variety of Cases

This week's session of the court was filled with variety, with 14 cases tried, resulting in fines or road sentences for most of the defendants.

For starting two woods fires, Robert Burke, 17-year-old boy of Pinehurst was given six months on the roads, to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and was put on probation for five years. This was in the form of two sentences. Albert Jackson, 18-year-old Manly Negro, was also given a six months sentence for starting a woods fire.

Steals Pairs of Pants

Other cases were as follows: Vestal McLean, 21-year-old Aberdeen Negro, guilty of stealing two pairs of pants from Standard Store in Aberdeen; sentenced to three months to begin after examination by county health officer. The State took a nol pros in a charge against Charlie Tyson, Jr., of Aberdeen, of purchasing a pair of the pants, knowing them to be stolen.

John T. Walden of Ellerbe, 40, and Elmer Walden, 20, faced the court on charges of trespassing, larceny of woods from the Manice Estate, and assault with a deadly weapon, the elder man facing further charge of carrying a concealed weapon. John Walden was found guilty of assault and carrying concealed weapon and given six months, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and sur- (Please turn to page eight)

Kiwanis to Devote Efforts to Defense

First of Series of Programs Devoted to Civilian Defense Conducted by Horne

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club launched an effort this week to relate all its activities with national defense as G. E. Horne, program committee chairman, began a series of programs devoted to civilian defense.

At the meeting in Aberdeen Community House, Horne called upon chairmen of several Kiwanis committees to show in what way the regular work of their committee could be united with the civilian defense efforts.

Pointing out that Kiwanis could do much to assist in this county, Horne called upon I. C. Sledge to start off with discussion of how the public affairs committee can work to help finance the war effort. L. E. Pender, agriculture committee, linked the work of his committee with the Victory Garden and food for freedom movements. For boys and girls, J. W. Harbison said there could be renewed efforts to provide better vocational and recreational opportunities. The Rev. J. Fred Stinson said the underprivileged child represented a special problem during war, and cited several recent local instances. E. C. Stevens reported on how the vocational committee could assist youths rejected from armed service to find a place where they could fit into the war efforts. Finally, W. D. Sabiston, Jr., for the church committee, said that the prevention of racial and religious intolerance, through the help of the churches, was especially important during this war time.

"Whatever price we have to pay for winning the war, that price will be cheap if we do the job at the front and here at home," Horne said in summarizing the program.

Pony to Be Given At Horse Show



"Miss Red Cross" is the name that has been given the black pony shown here, to be given away to the holder of the proper ticket at the Southern Pines Horse Show Friday, February 27. The pony, belonging now to Louis Scheipers, is showing her gentleness by carrying Donald Scheipers and V. B. Johnson, Jr.—or "Jack," Jr.—the Scheipers' grandson. Net proceeds from the Third Annual Horse Show will go to the Red Cross and profits from the sale of tickets for the pony, "Miss Red Cross," will also be given to that organization. The awarding of the pony will be an added attraction at the show this year, which will feature the usual jumping competitions, hunting entries and children events. Besides all this, Mrs. Julius Byles plans to conduct a "pony ride" for children during the afternoon of the horse show. Entries now coming in indicate a large field for the regular events.

Fry Announces For Lower House To Open County Political Season

Line-Ups for County Officers Expected to Shape Up Rapidly with Opening Bid

Haywood H. Fry, Moore county surveyor, broke the glass of political speculation this week by being the first in the county to announce his candidacy for public office in the primaries which will be up-coming this spring.

He will seek the Democratic Party nomination for representative to the North Carolina General Assembly.

In making his announcement, Fry said that he was "announcing first so that he wouldn't be running against anybody, but would be running for the place."

It was an accepted fact in political circles, however, that the first announced candidate will not be the only one for this office. There will be other hats in the ring and they'll come off heads in which minds have not yet been made up.

Johnson After Senate Seat
County voters this spring will go to the polls to select democratic nominees for various county offices. To Moore County this year goes a seat in the State Senate, and J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen long ago had made up his mind to go after that seat. It's barely possible he'll be a lone contender, depending upon which way his likely opponents happen to swing.

For instance, J. Hawley Poole of West End, who has been occupying a seat in the lower house of the General Assembly for several bienniums, believes he'd like to join the smaller and more select group on the other side of the Capitol. Then, again, he may be content with seeking his old seat back. And then again, he may not run for anything. His mind, like many others, will be made up when he sees what somebody else is going to do.

The Lower House
W. D. (Bill) Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage, wants to be representative. He's been preening himself for a good run if he makes the race and it's not at all unlikely that he'll be the next candidate to announce for the place. However, if Poole does, Sabiston probably won't. "Will Harrington, son of the late register of deeds of Moore County, has it in his bonnet that, being the son of his late dad, and being somewhat of a politico himself, he can give anybody a race for the place in the legislature. He certainly would like to.

Then there's Wilbur Currie of Carthage who would rather remain chairman of the county commissioner than become a defeated candidate for the State Senate. But if he thinks he can win in the Senate race, he'll be in it. Currie's business these days, however, is doing pretty good, and there's a likelihood that the County Chairman will give up political ambitions for a while.

Pearl Harbor at Home
Pearl Harbor in Hawaii recently

was subjected to a surprise attack by the Japanese. That action brought war to this nation. Civilian defense, long talked about, became an urgent necessity. There is more than a time, by similarity between Pearl Harbor and civilian defense. The Roberts Committee, investigating the surprise attack on Hawaii, found that responsibility for the surprise and success of the attack lay in the failure of our armed forces at the front to be on the alert and to work out an efficient coordination of efforts among the armed forces.

The Pilot found that this same lack of full coordination of local resources may be threatening the full success of our civilian or home defense efforts. The "home front" has been designed as an important battlefield. This battlefield extends through the front yard and into the front door of every home in the country, even those doors which are guarded by a pack of proverbial wolves.

County PTA Council To Meet in Pinehurst

The Moore County Council of the Congress of Parents and Teachers will meet at the Pinehurst School auditorium Monday afternoon, February 16, beginning at 3 p. m. for annual election of officers.

Guests of the council will be Mrs. E. N. Harrell of Swannanoa, field representative, and the district director, Mrs. E. S. Adams of Carthage.

Macauley Doing Well Following Operation

Charles Macauley, The Pilot's advertising man and conductor of the column, "The Passing Years," is recuperating in Charlotte Memorial Hospital, following an operation there Tuesday morning. Mr. Macauley was under observation for several days at Moore County Hospital before he was advised to go to Charlotte for the operation. He is expected to be able to return to Southern Pines by the end of next week.

Governor To Speak at Educo Club Meet

A district meeting of the Educo club, made up of male faculty members of public schools, will be held at Southern Pines Country Club Wednesday evening, February 18. Governor J. Melville Broughton is scheduled as principal speaker for the occasion. The Southern Pines Glee Club will render several selections as a part of the evening's program. About 200 faculty members from 18 counties in this district are expected to be present at the gathering.

Civilian Defense In Moore County

There's a phrase being bandied and battered about nowadays with the greatest of ease. That phrase carries within it unlimited possibilities for strengthening this country and its people. Yet, to many people, the meaning of these words is undefined and the scope of action possible is not clear.

That phrase is "civilian defense." The Pilot recently set out to discover what "civilian defense" meant in Moore County, what people thought it should mean, and what people wanted it to mean. It soon became obvious that a big job was being tackled. The Pilot found that the reservoir of possible action was only beginning to be tapped.

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STEEPLECHASES EXPECTED TO BE BEST IN HISTORY

Many Horses Reported in Training for Annual Hunting Race Meetings in Country

SANDHILLS STARTS SEASON

It's a month from Saturday that some of the best hunting horseflesh in the nation will start the hunting race season with the Sandhills Steeplechase meeting at the Barber Estate course, and it now appears that the Eighth Annual race meeting is going to top them all.

Richard Wallach, Jr., racing secretary for the Sandhills Association, returned from New York this week, to report that a large number of excellent horses are in training for the nation's hunting meets. The Sandhills meeting will open for the season with the five races this year offering a total of \$3,600 in purses.

Despite some indecision at first whether to hold the meeting this year or not, once the decision was made, action started. Letters went out to subscribers this week, informing them of the plans for the steeplechase, and to non-subscribers inviting them to step up early and get good parking places for the races.

Profits to Charity

Net profits from the Steeplechase are going to worthy causes. The funds will be distributed between the Navy Relief Society and the Moore County Hospital.

The races themselves will be the same as last year, with purses unchanged:

The Catawba, one and a half miles over hurdles; The Croatan, two miles over brush for non-winners in the brush course; The Sandhills Challenge Cup, feature race, three miles over timber; The Yaddin, a handicap event, two miles over brush; and the Midland, one mile on the flat.

Purses Unchanged

The officers and directors of the Sandhills Association discussed the possibility of cutting the purses. "War economy, higher taxes, etc., suggested they be reduced," said Almet Jenks, president. "The facts are, of course—which the general public may not realize—that not even small fortunes are made by running horses at hunt race meetings; that in many cases the costs of feeding, transportation, etc., are not covered by the purses won."

"At our meeting last year, the Yaddin Steeplechase paid \$1,200, the biggest purse offered," he continued. "The next highest, was \$600. However, the winner of the Yaddin did not win \$1,200 for out of that purse \$200 went to second, \$100 to third, and \$50 to the fourth horse, the winner receiving only \$850."

He pointed out that lowering purses would make the race less attractive to owners and would "be defeating our very purpose in holding the meeting—to make it as successful as possible so that we shall be able to turn over a substantial sum to the Navy Relief Society and the Moore County Hospital."

Jaycee Bridge Party Giving Defense Stamps

The annual Jay-Cee Bridge party will be held this coming Thursday night, February 19th, at 8 p. m. at the Civic Club, for the benefit of the Junior Chamber-sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 73. All proceeds from this party go to this Scout troop.

The only change in the procedure as compared to past Jay-Cee parties will be that this time all prizes will consist of defense stamps, so that winners will not be able to select the r own prizes. As usual, high score at each table wins a prize.

Tickets to this event are now on sale by all members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The party will begin promptly at 8 p. m. next Thursday evening. Following play, refreshments will be served by the sponsors.

Seawell Gets Acquittal As Judge Rules Charges Without Substantiation

Registration

The third nation-wide registration act will take place all day Monday for men between the ages of 20 and 44 inclusive. In Southern Pines, registration will take place at the High School Auditorium, which will be open from 7:45 a. m. to 9:00 p. m., with Hiram Westbrook in charge. All men who come within the age limits mentioned and who have not previously registered under the Act will be required to register at this time. Westbrook asked that as many as possible try to register at odd times during the day, to avoid rush hours in the early morning, at the noon hour and after working hours in the afternoon.

SHERMAN SMITH TO SING MONDAY

Association Presenting Third in Concert Series at Library Next Monday Evening

Strange as it may seem, a chemistry professor will present the third program for the Southern Pines Library Association's concert series next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

He will not, let music lovers be assured, recite chemical formulas nor sing praises of cellophane in which he has done considerable research. He will sing; but his songs will come from the musical literature for both baritone and bass voices.

Sherman Smith, popular, young member of the U. N. C. chemistry department faculty, has been so well received by the musical public that he is popularly classified as a member of the music faculty. A native of South Dakota, he studied chemistry at South Dakota School of Mines and Ohio State University, where he received his doctorate.

However, during his scientific studies, he retained an active interest in music and has been engaged in radio, oratorio and concert singing. In South Dakota, he was State winner of the Atwater Kent contest in 1929, and since then has sung solo recitals over many radio stations.

In North Carolina, his recitals have been received with great enthusiasm by audiences in Asheville, Greensboro and Chapel Hill. His voice is a powerful bass-baritone of wide range. While his repertoire includes songs from both baritone and bass literature, his forte is German lieder.

Mr. Smith's appearance in Southern Pines, under auspices of the Library, adds further variety to the concert series which has already presented a distinguished young cellist and pianist from the University, and a pianist and violinist from William and Mary College in Virginia. Mr. Smith's program will include songs by famous Russian, German and French composers.

Miss Cotner To Be New FSA Supervisor

Miss Eva Cotner of Raleigh is in the farm security office in Carthage as assistant to Mrs. Herman Ray Maxey (the former Miss Anne Ruth Wilson), home management supervisor, and will assume Mrs. Maxey's duties when the latter leaves to make her home in Detroit, Mich., the first of next month.

Miss Cotner comes to Moore County from Washington, D. C., where she was with the Farm Security Administration for eight months. She has worked in Iredell County, also, and is well qualified for her new duties.

Judge Webb Directs Verdict of Not Guilty; Says No Evidence Shown in Charges

NOL. PROS TAKEN IN CASES

The Government's charge against Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, former bankruptcy referee, fizzled out this week at Rockingham when Judge E. Yates Webb, presiding over a special session to hear the Seawell case, directed verdicts of not guilty in all indictments.

For over two years government investigators have been working on the case, which involved charges of embezzlement and false reports, only to nol pros four of the 11 indictments returned by the grand jury before the trial ever started, and ending up by contending for a verdict in only one charge. And this was dismissed by the presiding judge.

Saying he based his dismissal of the charges largely on points of law, Judge Webb said, however: "I am sure that if I were on the jury and the case were submitted to me as the government has presented it here, I could not have found the defendant guilty. If I had allowed the jury to deliberate on this case and they had returned a verdict of guilty, I could not have allowed the verdict to stand."

Government Case Weak

Since the trial of "Chub" Seawell began, it became evident that the government's case was weak, as even some of the prosecuting witnesses gave evidence which was more favorable to Seawell than against him.

Young Seawell had held the position of Federal referee of bankruptcy for 13 years, prior to his resignation two years ago to contest for a seat in the General Assembly from Moore County. Last spring, the government investigators got indictments against Seawell, alleging 11 cases of embezzlement and false reports.

During the testimony at the trial in Rockingham, which began Monday of last week, it developed that in each case only a small amount of money was questioned by the government and that not a single demand had been made against the referee by those persons whose bankruptcy (Please turn to Page 4)

PLAN TO START NURSE TRAINING

Volunteer Nurses Aide Chapter to Begin Training Course Within Next Week or Two

The Volunteer Nurses Aide Chapter of the Moore County Red Cross hopes to be able to start its first nurse-training course at Moore County Hospital by next week, if all applications are received immediately and examined by the committee.

The purpose of the Chapter is to develop a dependable and efficient corps of woman volunteers who have the necessary knowledge and skill to assist nurses in the care of sick in hospitals and clinics.

Because of the shortage of nurses and the number leaving for service with the armed forces, the office of civilian defense and the surgeon general have declared that the training of nurses' aides is a vital step toward meeting emergency needs.

The training course will be given at the Moore County Hospital and classes will consist of not more than six members in order to allow for individual instruction and because of the smallness of the hospital. If the number of applicants warrants it, there will be two classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, for three of four hour periods. To save on transportation, applicants will be grouped accordingly to locality, and first classes will be for Pinehurst and Southern Pines, then for Aberdeen, Carthage and other towns.

The Volunteer Nurses' Aide committee is composed of Mrs. James Boyd, chairman; Mrs. Malcolm D. Kemp, vice-chairman; Miss Phyllis Lovering, secretary; Dr. W. C. Mudgett, Dr. Clement Monroe, Dr. Mary Cushing, Dr. B. M. Drake, Mrs. Wilbur Currie, Mrs. E. J. West, Mrs. A. McN. Blue and Miss Ellen Bruton. The nurse instructor will be Mrs. Helen Jacobs.

The committee pointed out the following requirements for membership in the Nurses Aide Corps: women between 18 and 50 years of age, in satisfactory physical condition and graduates of high school, or its equivalent. They must complete an 80 hour course and be prepared to give 150 hours yearly service without remuneration, preferably in a three-month period, although the 150 hours may be given throughout the year. Members of the Corps must be prepared to serve whenever and as long as needed in time of war or national emergency.